

Explore More Nature with Seattle Parks and Recreation



Spring 2015 Programs



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Seattle's environmental learning centers offer programs at parks throughout the city. These programs are hands-on experiences employing games, props, and activities to enhance the learning adventure. They are developed to give people a positive experience outdoors and a sense of community and connection with our green spaces. Every quarter, new programs are offered based upon the seasons and the interests of the public. Pre-registration is required for all programs so please peruse the following offerings to find something that interests you and register today. Please remember all children must be accompanied by an adult.

Please take note of the location of a particular program because there are many different options. The location is listed underneath the program title. If you need directions to a particular place, please contact one of the environmental learning centers for assistance.

REGISTRATION

- Go to www.seattle.gov/parks and use the online registration system - SPARC. You need to sign up for an account and obtain a pin number in order to use the online system. This may take up to 24 hours, so plan ahead. Once you have your pin number, use the course code number listed in the program description to find the program in the SPARC system. The course code number is listed next to the program date.

- Another way to register is to contact Discovery Park or Camp Long Environmental Learning Centers and a staff person can register you for the program of your choice.

Seattle's Environmental Learning Centers

Discovery Park

3801 Discovery Park Blvd. (formerly West Government Way)
Seattle, WA. 98199
Phone: 206-386-4237
Email: discovery.park@seattle.gov
Hours: Tuesday-Sunday 8:30a.m. to 5p.m.

Camp Long

5200 35th Ave SW
Seattle, WA. 98126
Phone: 206-684-7434
Email: camplong@seattle.gov
Hours: Tuesday-Sunday 10a.m. to 6p.m.
Closed Sundays beginning November 1

Carkeek Park

950 NW Carkeek Park Road
Seattle, WA. 98177
Carkeek Park ELC was closed due to budget cuts in 2010.
There are, however, programs still offered at the park.
Contact Discovery Park ELC for anything pertaining to Carkeek Park.



Earth Month Activities

Honor our planet through stewardship, education, and appreciation!

Birdwatching Programs

Bird Tours

Discovery Park

Ages: 8 and older **Fee:** \$3 per person

Celebrate the earth by practicing your observation skills of the changing seasons. Discover the wonders of birding. Join experienced leaders to explore for migrants and year-round residents within Discovery Park's varied habitats. **Please dress for the weather and bring binoculars if you have them.**

#133474	4/04/2015	Sat 8 – 10 a.m.
#133475	4/11/2015	Sat 8 – 10 a.m.
#133476	4/18/2015	Sat 8 – 10 a.m.
#133477	4/25/2015	Sat 8 – 10 a.m.



Birding Basics

Discovery Park

Ages: 12 and older **Free**

Interested in birdwatching and have no idea where to start? If your answer is yes, this class is for you. We teach participants how to use binoculars and a few bird identification techniques. We visit various habitats to practice our skills and witness some bird behavior. **Dress for the weather. Please bring binoculars and a field guide if you have them.** All children must be accompanied by an adult.

#133648 4/05/2015 Sun 8:30 – 10:30 a.m.

Beach Clean Ups

Celebrate the earth by making a difference in the health of Puget Sound. Puget Sound beaches get trashed (literally) during the winter months. We need your help in cleaning them up. All needed supplies and safety instructions provided.

Golden Gardens

All ages **Free**

Please meet at the far west end of the parking lot near the wetlands.

#133484 4/18/15 Sat 10 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Discovery Park

All ages **Free**

Please meet at the Environmental Learning Center.

#133483 4/18/15 Sat 1:30 – 4 p.m.

Earth Month Activities cont.

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Nature at Night

Owl Hoot

Camp Long

Ages: 6 and older **Fee:** \$5 per person

Celebrate all the life on our amazing planet by joining us for a dusk-to-dark owl prowl through Camp Long's forest. All children must be accompanied by an adult.

#133155

4/25/2015

Sat 7:30 – 9:30 p.m.

Tot Treks and Nature Play

Celebrate the earth with your favorite toddler. Cultivate their love for all living things.

Colors of Spring

Camp Long

Ages: 2-3 year old with adult(s) **Fee:** \$4 per person

Adults, explore the wonders of nature with your toddler. Trek through Camp Long searching field, forest, stream, and pond. Discover the colors of spring.

#133152

4/07/2015

Tue 10:30 – 11:45 a.m.

Colors of the Rainbow

Carkeek Park

Ages: 2-3 year old with adult(s) **Fee:** \$4 per person

Share nature with your children. In Piper's Creek watershed where the grass and ferns grow, beneath the tall old trees, is a special place for you and a toddler to explore. Hike through the woods, search Piper's creek, and "wade" through the wetlands, to find all the colors of the rainbow.

#133467

4/23/2015

Thu 10:30 – 11:45 a.m.



Tidepool Explorations

Exploring Tidepool Life

Carkeek Park Beach

All ages Free

Explore one of the most unique parts of the planet – tidepools! Explore Carkeek Beach with a naturalist. Search for anemones, moon snails, and clams during a great low tide. Learn more about life in the Puget Sound. Be sure to wear shoes that can get wet. **Meet the naturalist at the kiosk next to the bridge over the railroad tracks in the beach parking lot.**

#133466 5/17/2015 Sun 10 – 11:30 a.m.



Family Low Tide Beach Walk at Me-Kwa-Mooks

Emma Schmitz Viewpoint/Me-Kwa-Mooks

Ages: 3 and older Free

Search for tidepool animals during some of the best low tides of the year. Learn a bit of beach ecology and which animal is the most colorful – a sea star, a sea anemone, or a sea slug. **Dress for windy weather and wear shoes that can get wet and handle slippery surfaces.**

#133485 6/06/2015 Sat 1:30 – 3 p.m.

Low Tide Beach Safari

Discovery Park

All ages Free

Join Seattle volunteer naturalists to explore the intertidal world of sea stars, moon snails, sea anemones and clams on Discovery Park's sandy South Beach. This walk is perfect for families with small children. **Please dress for the weather and wear shoes that can get wet.**

#133488 5/17/2015 Sun 10 – 11:30a.m.

#133487 6/06/2015 Sat 1:30 – 3 p.m.

Tot Treks and Nature Play

The following programs are an opportunity for the very young to explore outside in a safe environment and to share that experience with an adult that is important to them. Parents and others that share time with a toddler can learn tips and tricks for sharing the outdoors with a little one. These programs are also a great chance to make new friends.

Ages: 2 – 3 with an adult **Fee:** \$4 per person.

Colors of Spring

Camp Long

Trek through Camp Long searching field, forest, stream, and pond. Discover the colors of spring.

#133152 4/07/2015 Tue 10:30 – 11:45 a.m.

Search for Salamanders

Camp Long

Discover life under logs and leaves; be part of your child's first encounter with a salamander.

#133153 5/12/2015 Tue 10:30 – 11:45 a.m.

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Water Babies in the Pond

Camp Long

Take a dip in the ponds and see what new life is springing up.

#133154 6/09/2015 Tue 10:30 – 11:45 a.m.



Stewardship Opportunities

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Wildlife Walks & Talks

Song Sparrow Study Presentation

Discovery Park

Ages: 6 and older **Free**

Ever visited Discovery Park and seen a small brown bird with some colored bands on its legs? It was probably a Song Sparrow. University of Washington professor, Michael Beecher has conducted a study on Song Sparrows at Discovery Park for over 20 years. Join Dr. Beecher at the park for a special presentation on some of the findings of this long-term study.

#133488 3/28/2015 Sat 2 – 4 p.m.

Bird Tours

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#133476	4/18/2015	Sat 8 – 10 a.m.
#133477	4/25/2015	Sat 8 – 10 a.m.
#133479	5/09/2015	Sat 7 – 9 a.m.
#133480	5/09/2015	Sat 8 – 10 a.m.
#133481	5/16/2015	Sat 8 – 10 a.m.



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Plant Life Walks

Are You Bloomin' Mad?

Ages: 5 and older Free

Enjoy the beauty and wonder of spring; learn some of the local plants that make our habitats healthy.

#133472 5/09/2015 Sat 1 – 3 p.m.

International Migratory Bird Day Events



Bird Tours

Discovery Park

Ages: 8 and older Fees: \$3 per person

Celebrate International Migratory Bird Day and discover the wonders of early morning birding. Join experienced leaders as we welcome home migrants within Discovery Park's varied habitats. **Please dress for the weather and bring binoculars if you have them.**

#133479	5/09/2015	Sat 7 – 9 a.m.
#133480	5/09/2015	Sat 8 – 10 a.m.

Are You Bloomin' Mad?

Ages: 5 and older Free

In celebration of migratory birds, learn about the places they inhabit here in the Pacific Northwest. Enjoy the beauty and wonder of spring; learn some of the local plants that make our habitats healthy.

#133472 5/09/2015 Sat 1 – 3 p.m.



Space is limited. Register for programs today!